

ANNOUNCEMENT- ESCORTS FOR USA SUMMER YOUTH CAMP 2009

This year, the American Embassy's Bicomunal Support Program (BSP) is once again sponsoring a bicomunal summer youth camp in the United States and requires the services of two Greek Cypriots and two Turkish Cypriots to act as escorts for the camp. The camp is scheduled to take place July 17 - August 3 in the state of Colorado and will be administered by Critical Mass Leadership Education.

Participation in the camp provides an opportunity for 12 Greek Cypriot and 12 Turkish Cypriot teenagers, ages 15-17, to spend a total of 17 days in the U.S. in an intercultural setting. The program is designed to develop participants' skills in communication, conflict resolution, creative problem-solving, cooperative decision making, cross-cultural sensitivity, and effective teamwork, as well as to foster bicomunal dialogue and mutual understanding.

Activities will consist of workshops, discussions and lots of outdoor recreation. Applicants therefore must be in excellent health in order to comfortably take part in physical challenges such as hiking, canoeing, and mountain climbing. The camp is funded by the people of the United States of America through the United States Embassy in Nicosia. However, participants will be required to pay the cost of their visa and selected outdoor activities (details will be provided).

The main responsibility of the escort will be to help the teens arrive and return safely from the US. In addition, upon arrival in Colorado, the escorts will help the camp staff to move the teens from location to location, but they will also be active participants in the camp. If chosen, you will be expected to attend all activities during the days of the camp and work closely with and take direction from the camp staff to help the teens and yourself to successfully meet the goals of the camp. Escorts will be asked to be available for activities and events on- island once the camp has finished.

Applicants who meet the following criteria are invited to apply:

- **Must be able to speak, read and write English effectively**
- **Must be currently enrolled in a university or have acquired a university degree**
- **OR must be able to secure an army release for the days mentioned above (if applicable).**
- **Must be in excellent health and actively engaged in sports**
- **Must be a citizen of Cyprus**
- **Must not be a citizen of the United States**
- **Must be able to work cooperatively in diverse groups**
- **Must have strong organizational, delegation, social and communication skills**
- **Previous experience as a participant in a similar bicomunal youth program, prior work with teens, intercultural communication and conflict resolution are all considered advantages**

Applications may be downloaded from the Bold Leaders website (www.boldleaders.com) or the American Embassy's website at <http://cyprus.usembassy.gov> (photocopies of the application are also acceptable).

The **deadline** for submission of completed applications is **5 p.m. Friday, April 10**. Please mail or drop off the application form, a photocopy of a valid Cypriot passport and a copy of your CV at the following offices Monday – Friday between 8 am and 5pm

**American Embassy
Attn. Public Affairs
Metochiou & Ploutarchou Street
2407, Engomi, Nicosia**

**6 Serif Arzik Street -3rd Floor
Koskluciftliki, Nicosia**

Any application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Please be advised that no applications will be accepted if any documents are missing.

APPLICATION FOR YOUTH CAMP ESCORT 2009

CURRENT PHOTO

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sex : Male ☐ Female ☐

Marital Status Married ☐ Single ☐

Date of Birth ____/____/____
 day month year

Do you have any children? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number? ____ Ages ____

Passport country _____ Passport Number _____

ID Number _____ Passport expiration ____/____/____
 Day Month Year

Are you a citizen of Cyprus? Yes ____ No ____

If you are also a citizen of another country, please indicate which one: _____

Place of Birth _____

Mother's Birthplace _____ Father's Birthplace _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Father's Occupation _____

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Title _____ Employer _____

Work responsibilities _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

INSTITUTION

DEGREE & YEAR ATTAINED

MAJOR SUBJECT

What languages do you speak? _____

What languages do you understand? _____

What is the condition of your health? _____

Are you on any medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, what medication? _____

Do you have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any medical conditions that would restrict you from your activities?

Rate your fitness as you see it: Very Fit: _____ Somewhat Fit: _____ Moderate: _____ Not Fit: _____

(If you rated yourself not fit, or even moderate, we recommend you begin a program of rigorous walking to prepare)

List here any of the above activities you have done in past _____

(hiking, paddling canoes, white water rafting, swimming, rock climbing, rapelling (beginner levels)).

Rate Your Swimming Skills: Very Good: _____ Good: _____ Moderate: _____ Poor: _____ Non Swimmer: _____

Could you run a kilometer without stopping? Yes _____ No _____ / Afraid of Heights? Yes _____ No _____

Have you traveled abroad before?

(Yes) _____ Where _____

Name any societies, clubs or organizations of which you are/were a member?

Do you have any Hobbies? If so please list them. _____

Please explain your reasons for seeking the position of ESCORT for a summer bi-communal teen camp program:

Do you have any training in Conflict Resolution? If yes please describe

Have you ever been involved in bi-communal activities before?

If yes, please describe your involvement.

Have you ever been involved in community work or activities?

If yes, please describe your involvement.

Other Relevant Volunteer or Personal experiences _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION UPON RECEIPT OF THE GRANT.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Turkish Cypriot Applicants:

Send or Drop off your Application on or before 5 pm April 10, 2009 :

**6 Serif Arzik Street – 3rd Floor
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Greek Cypriot Applicants:

Send or Drop off your Application on or before 5 pm April 10, 2009:

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